Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 32, and 33 without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) In a computer server connected to a plurality of electronic devices via a wireless communication link, a method of commanding said electronic devices to gather geographically distributed data comprising:

selecting an electronic device;

requesting current location of said selected electronic device;

receiving said requested current location from said selected electronic device;

skipping further communication with said selected electronic device if said received current location is not within a predetermined geographic area;

generating a command to said electronic device to identify at least one data category that said electronic device is capable of monitoring;

commanding said selected electronic device to capture geographically distributed data related to said data category and wherein said geographically distributed data is automatically captured by said selected electronic device in response to said commanding;

receiving said automatically captured geographically distributed data; and

verifying the identity of selected electronic device;

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storing said received geographically distributed data; and

crediting a value to an account corresponding to said selected electronic

device.

2-4.   (Canceled)

5.   (Currently Amended) In an electronic device connected to a wireless

communication link, a method of collecting geographically distributed data

comprising:

receiving a command from a server to identify at least one data category

that said electronic device is capable of monitoring;

skipping said electronic device if said electronic device cannot capture

data related to said data category;

receiving a command to capture said geographically distributed data and

wherein said geographically distributed data is related to said data category;

automatically capturing said geographically distributed data; and

transmitting said automatically captured geographically distributed data to

said server;

sending a verifiable identity of said electronic device; and

crediting a value to an account corresponding to said electronic device.

6.   (Canceled)

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7.   (Previously Presented) The method as described in Claim 5 wherein said transmitted geographically distributed data is encrypted.

8-23. (Canceled)

24.   (Currently Amended) In a portable electronic device connected to a wireless communication link, said portable electronic device corresponding to a user, a method for said portable electronic device to supply geographically distributed data to a server comprising:

receiving a command from said user to automatically capture data and receiving one or more data types from said user;

if a data type of said data to be captured is one of said received data types needed for supplying to said server, automatically capturing said data;

transmitting said automatically captured data to said server and wherein said automatically captured data comprises location data of said portable electronic device; and

sending a verifiable identity of said portable electronic device: and

crediting a value to an account corresponding to said portable electronic device.

25.   (Currently Amended) The method as described in Claim 24 wherein said portable electronic device is a hand held computer system.

26.   (Previously Presented) The method as described in Claim 24 wherein said portable electronic device is a wireless telephone.

27.   (Previously Presented) The method as described in Claim 24 wherein said transmitted data is encrypted.

28.   (Currently Amended) In a portable electronic device connected to a wireless communication link, said portable electronic device corresponding to a user, a method for said portable electronic device to gather geographically distributed data comprising:

receiving a command from said user to enable said gathering of data automatically and wherein said data comprises location data of said portable electronic device and receiving one or more data types from said user;

if said enabling is done, determining a plurality of times to start automatically capturing data;

if said enabling is done and if a data type of said data to be captured is one of said received data types, automatically capturing said data at each said start time, said automatically capturing being done without intervention from the user;

if said enabling is done, automatically transmitting said captured data; and

if said enabling is done, sending a verifiable identity of said portable electronic device; and

crediting a value to an account corresponding to said portable electronic device.

29.   (Previously Presented) The method as described in Claim 28 wherein said portable electronic device is a hand held computer system.

30.   (Previously Presented) The method as described in Claim 28 wherein said portable electronic device is a wireless telephone.

31-33. (Canceled)